

City of Cerritos Pay to Remove Program

Under the pay for tree removal program, the homeowner pays for the cost of tree removal plus the cost to replace the tree (the replacement tree is specified by the City's Public Works Department). The homeowner is financially responsible for any necessary repairs to the public right-of-way resulting from the pay to remove project.

If you are interested in participating in the program, please follow the steps below:

1. Retain a qualified tree maintenance contractor. A list of qualified contractors is attached. Alternately, you may choose your own contractor with a D49 license and a valid Contractor's license issued by the State of California. (All contractors on the City-provided list meet these qualifications.)
2. Visit the Public Works counter at City Hall and fill out a no-fee tree removal permit application. Your contractor must also hold or obtain a City of Cerritos business license.
3. Submit the completed application to the Public Works counter at City Hall. Once approved, the Trees Division will return a copy of the application to you with information regarding the required replacement tree.
4. Once the tree removal project has been completed, the City will conduct a final inspection to determine the condition of the surrounding property and to make sure a new tree has been planted.

If you have any questions, please contact the Cerritos Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220.